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Re: Blue Ridge Broadcasting Corporation
WFGW (AM), Black Mountain, North Carolina
Facility Identification Number: 5972
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Counsel:

This is in reference to the request filed October 6, 2008, on behalf of Blue Ridge Broadcasting Corporation ("BRB"). BRB requests further extension of the special temporary authority ("STA") granted on June 20, 2007, and modified on May 7, 2008, to operate Station WFGW with emergency antenna facilities pursuant to Section 73.1680.¹ In support of the request, BRB states that its application for construction permit remains pending.

Requests for extension of STA will be granted only where the licensee can show that one or more of the following criteria have been met:

- Restoration of licensed facilities is complete and testing is underway;
- Substantial progress has been made during the most recent STA period toward restoration of licensed operation; or
- No progress has been made during the most recent STA period for reasons clearly beyond the licensee's control, and the licensee has taken all possible steps to expeditiously resolve the problem.

Our review indicates that the licensee has been prevented from restoring licensed operation due to causes beyond its control and has taken all possible steps to expeditiously resolve the problem. Thus, extension of STA is warranted.

Accordingly, the request for extension of STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station WFGW may operate with an emergency nondirectional antenna and reduced power not to exceed 12.5 kilowatts daytime, 4.75 kilowatts critical hours and 0.125 kilowatt nighttime, employing the existing

¹ WFGW is licensed for operation on 1010 kHz with 50 kilowatts daytime, 19 kilowatts critical hours and 0.5 kilowatt nighttime, employing different directional patterns during each daypart (DA-3-U).

WZGM tower at geographic coordinates 35° 35' 29" N, 82° 24' 53" W (NAD 1927). It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. BRB must use whatever means are necessary to protect workers and the public from exposure to radio frequency radiation in excess of the Commission's exposure guidelines. *See* 47 CFR § 1.1310.

This authority expires on **December 17, 2009**.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Charles N. Miller", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Charles N. Miller, Engineer
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cc: Blue Ridge Broadcasting Corporation